

# Lady Gardens



THE BOONS





A FRIEND OF MINE ONCE  
TOLD ME THAT NEARLY EVERY  
GIRL HE'D BEEN WITH HAD  
BEEN HAIRLESS.

CITING A LANDING STRIP  
AS AN EXAMPLE OF HAIR  
HE'D EXPERIENCED.



IF HE WAS A BRO



I WOULDN'T HAVE  
BEEN SURPRISED

BUT HE WASN'T.

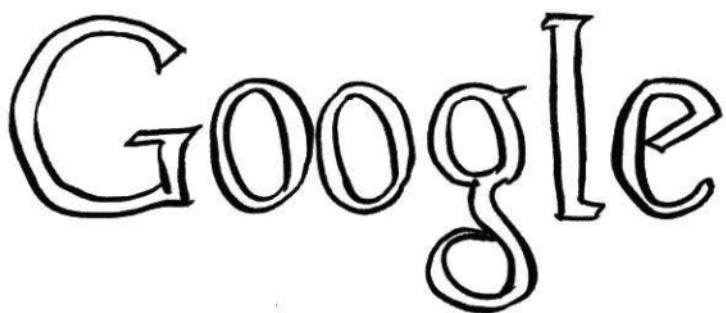
*Was this really the new standard?*

I HAD TO DO SOME RESEARCH OF MY OWN.

WHAT I LEARNED WAS ALL AT ONCE HEARTENING,  
EMPOWERING + INFURIATING.

I COULDN'T HELP BUT SHARE.

I STARTED OUT LIKE ANY RESPONSIBLE PERSON OF THIS DECADE. I ASKED



A SEARCH FOR

"WHY HAS HAVING NO PUBES BECOME SO FASHIONABLE?" RETURNS A LOT OF DISCUSSION ON WHETHER OR NOT LADIES SHOULD SHAVE OR WAX. THE DISCUSSION MOSTLY FOCUSED ON HYGEINE VS NOT LOOKING LIKE A CHILD.

IT WASN'T UNTIL I  
STUCK IN THE TERMS  
"GENDER POLITICS" THAT  
I UNEARTHED ANYTHING  
WORTH WHILE.

THE LAST

# TRIANGLE

SEX, MONEY AND THE POLITICS OF PUBLIC HAIR

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IS A BLOG RUN BY A GRADUATE STUDENT AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY IN KINGSTON, ONTARIO.

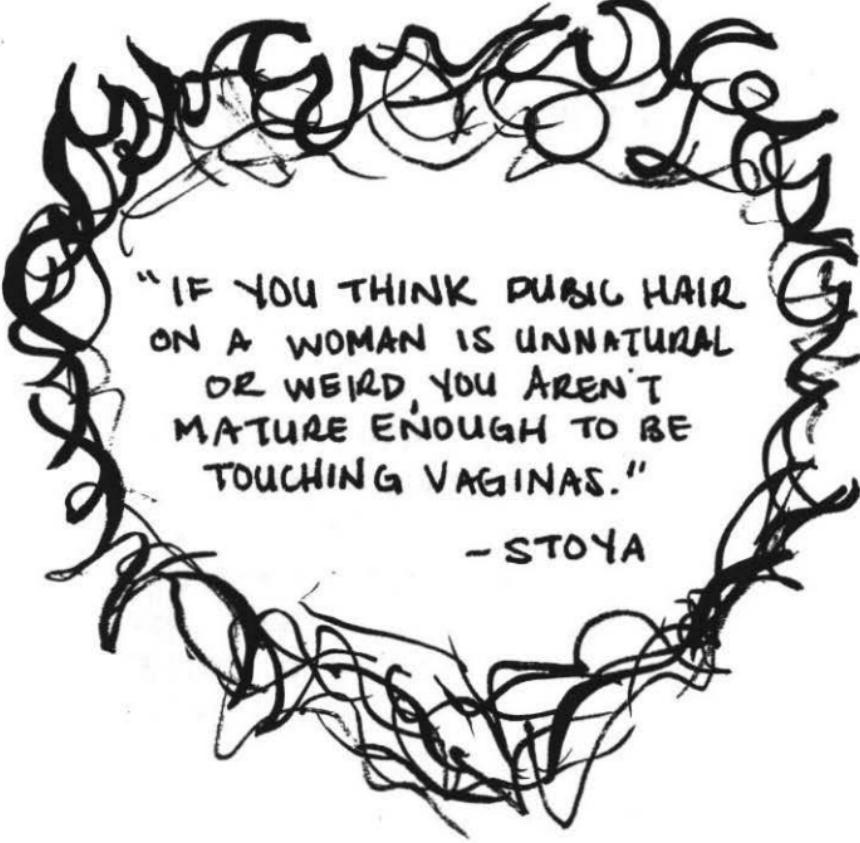
IT EXPLORES EXPECTATIONS SET OUT BY THE MEDIA, CAPITALISM AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC HAIR REMOVAL AND BODY CONTROL.

HER BLOG WAS EXACTLY THE KIND OF RESOURCE I WAS LOOKING FOR. MANY OF THE ARTICLES + QUOTES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES WERE DISCOVERED VIA THE LAST TRIANGLE.COM

WHAT I FIND INFURIATING IS THAT  
IT'S SUCH A SOCIAL CONSTRUCT.



WHAT THE  
HELL



"IF YOU THINK PUBLIC HAIR  
ON A WOMAN IS UNNATURAL  
OR WEIRD, YOU AREN'T  
MATURE ENOUGH TO BE  
TOUCHING VAGINAS."

- STOYA

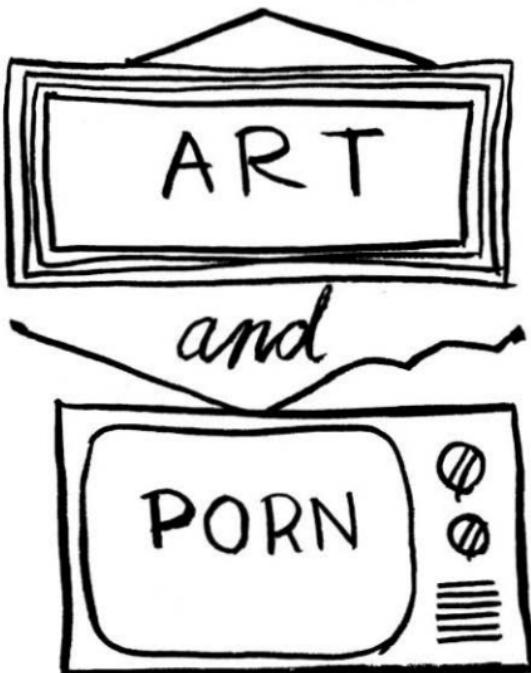
# MY PROBLEM IS WITH THE EXPECTATIONS

I HAVE NO ISSUE WITH LADIES STYLING THEIR NETHER REGIONS HOWEVER THEY PLEASE - WHETHER FOR THEMSELVES OR BECAUSE IT TURNS THEIR LOVERS ON. WHAT I CAN NOT TOLERATE IS WOMEN SPORTING A CERTAIN STYLE OF PUBIC HAIR FOR FEAR OF BEING SEEN AS SOMEHOW REVOLTING

# HOW DID THIS COME TO BE ?!?

I FOUND THE MOST SUCCINCT ANSWER IN AN ARTICLE MENTIONED ON 'THE LAST TRIANGLE': "CLEAN PORN: THE VISUAL AESTHETICS OF HYGIENE, HOT SEX, AND HAIR REMOVAL" BY SUSANN COKAL.

COKAL IDENTIFIES 2 ARENAS AFFECTING MALE EXPECTATIONS THROUGHOUT HISTORY.





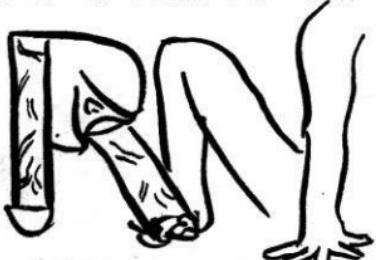
PUBLIC HAIR WAS RARELY SHOWN IN NUDE PAINTINGS. THEY WERE MORE OFTEN SEEN IN SMALL SCALE PIECES PRESUMED FOR - AHEM - PRIVATE VIEWING. PUBES WERE CONSIDERED EROTIC AND THEIR ABSENCE WAS THOUGHT TO INDICATE PURITY & VIRTUE.



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IN THE MID 1800'S, VICTORIAN ART CRITIC JOHN RUSKIN MARRIED EUHEMIA GRAY. HE NEVER CONSUMMATED HIS MARRIAGE BECAUSE HE FOUND HER PUBIC HAIR REVOLTING. HIS PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH NUDE FEMALES WAS LIMITED TO PAINTINGS; HE HADN'T REALIZED WOMEN HAD PUBIC HAIR.

# PORN



IN THE EARLY 80'S,  
PORN MIGRATED  
FROM PEER-SHOW  
THEATERS (IN WHICH THE  
INCLUSION OF PUBLIC HAIR  
ALLOWED LAW OFFICERS  
TO DEEM A FILM PORNOGRAPHIC)  
TO VHS.



WITH THE NEW  
SMALL SCREEN CAME  
DECREASED VISIBILITY.  
THE INDUSTRY HAD TO  
DO NEW THINGS TO  
INCREASE THE SENSE THAT  
THE VIEWER IS PART OF THE ACTION.



POSITIONS WHICH SHOW THE MOST OF  
BODIES AND ORGANS WERE NOW  
FAVORED, AND THE SHORN  
VULVA BECAME STANDARD.

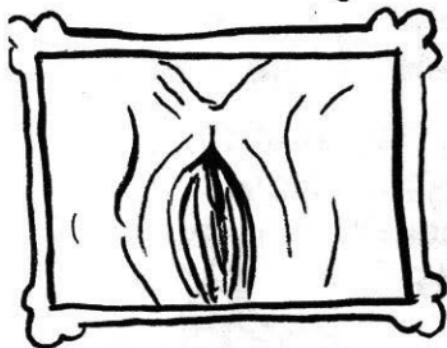
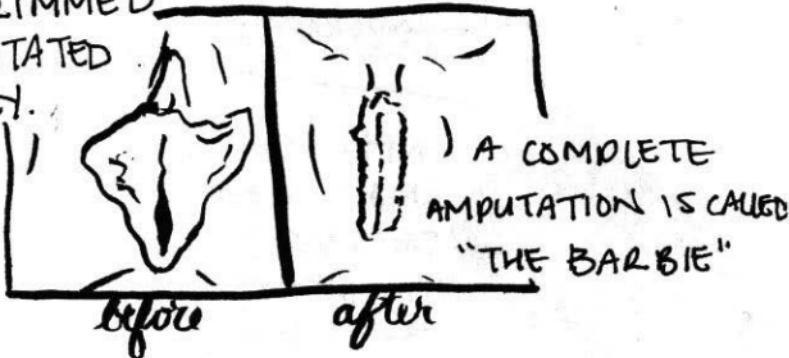


AFTER ALL, THE VIEWER NOW  
HAD THE POWER OF THE FAST  
FORWARD BUTTON.

VIA "CLEAN PORN...", COKAL

# Labiaplasty

IT'S BEEN SAID THAT ALL THIS VAG BARING HAS LEFT THE AREA "SUBJECT TO CLOSER SCRUTINY," LEAVING SOME WOMEN WITH THE DESIRE TO GET COSMETIC SURGERY. LABIA (MAJORA AND MINORA) ARE TRIMMED OR AMPUTATED ENTIRELY.



GEORGIA O'KEEFFE  
IS ROLLING OVER  
IN HER GRAVE.

BUT I  
LIKE 'EM  
FLAPPY!



ON TO SOME ACTUAL



I SHAVE THE  
BIKINI AREA AND  
TRIM THE REST  
CLOSELY, LIKE A  
FRENCH WOMAN.

RESPONSES →



I USUALLY SHAVE IT ALL,  
UNLESS I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.



**WAIT!** what about razorburn?



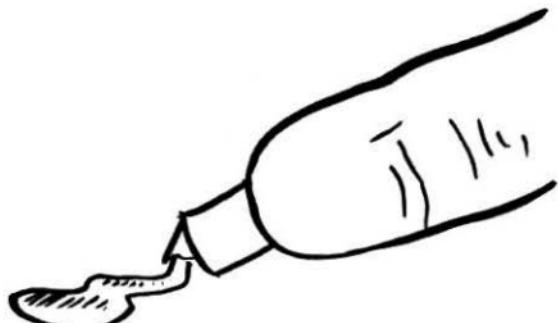
## TIPS!

ALWAYS USE A  
SHARP RAZOR



MAKE SURE YOU'RE ADEQUATELY LUBED  
WITH SHAVING CREAM OR WHATEVER WORKS  
BEST FOR YOU.

I USE SHAMPOO BECAUSE  
THE RAZOR GLIDES BETTER





JUST READING  
ABOUT THIS MAKES  
ME SO ANGRY!

UGH!

I AM NOT  
DIRTY OR  
LAZY.  
MY VAGINA  
HAS HAIR  
AND THE  
WORLD  
CAN DEAL.

I LIKE IT  
THIS WAY!



FUCK. THAT. SHIT. IF YOU  
DON'T SHAVE IT ALL OFF, NEITHER  
DO I. PROBABLY WOULDN'T EVEN  
IF THEY HAD ALOPECIA.



I KEEP IT TRIMMED AND  
HAVE MY BIKINI LINE WAXED IN THE  
SUMMER. I THINK ONLY 1 OR 2  
FEMALE FRIENDS IN MY LIFE HAVE  
GONE HAIRLESS.



I'M LAZY ABOUT IT,  
BUT I'M TYPICALLY HAIRLESS.



LET'S JUST SAY I  
HAVE A GARDEN BUT  
IT'S WEDED.

I DON'T REALLY MAINTAIN IT.  
I TRIM IT ONCE A MONTH, MAYBE.



IT'S TOO MUCH WORK.



AND I DON'T  
REALLY LIKE  
BEING  
GONE DOWN ON,  
AND I THINK  
THAT IS WHEN  
IT MATTERS MOST.

ON THAT NOTE!

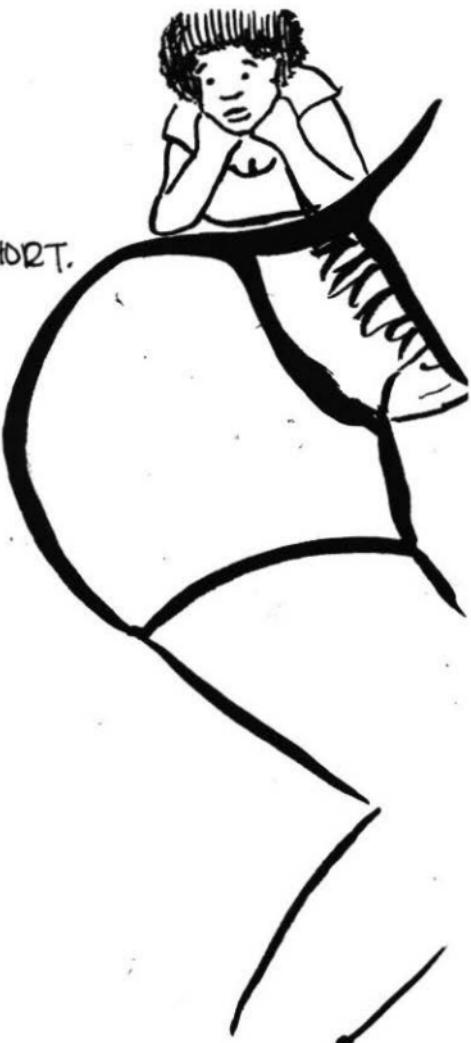
"I'M WORRIED ABOUT WHAT WE'RE TELLING  
YOUNG WOMEN ABOUT SEX: MEN ARE ENTITLED  
TO ORAL SEX (NOW HANDED OUT AT PARTIES LIKE A  
PARTY TRICK) - BUT FOR WOMEN TO BE RECIPIENTS  
THEIR INTIMATE GROOMING MUST BE UP TO CODE."

- THE LAST TRIANGLE

# MY BUSH?

I KEEP IT REALLY SHORT.

1. 'CAUSE I DANCE  
ON STAGE IN BOOTY  
SHORTS  
AND
2. MY PARTNER LIKES  
IT BETTER.



I USE BUZZERS SO IT'S EVEN. I DON'T LIKE... RAZOR IT BALD, BUT IT IS REALLY SHORT.

BUZZERS ARE EASY,  
SMOOTH,

YOU HAVE DIFFERENT LENGTHS  
DEPENDING ON WHICH HEAD  
YOU USE AND IT WON'T  
CUT YOU!

I DO DIFFERENT STUFF ALL THE TIME!



SOMETIMES I USE A SCISSOR TO TRIM IT DOWN AND SHAVE THE BIKINI LINE.

SOMETIMES I GO MONTHS DOING NOTHING.



SOMETIMES MY PARTNER REQUESTS TOTALLY SHAVED OR LANDING STRIP, AND IF I FEEL LIKE OBLIGING, I DO.

I DON'T LIKE TOTALLY SHAVEN; I GET RAZORBURN EASILY + IT ITCHES WHEN IT COMES BACK IN. ALSO, IT CREEPS ME OUT. LIKE: WHY ARE THEY SO INTO IT? IS IT A LITTLE GIRL FANTASY THING OR DO THEY JUST LIKE TO SEE MORE OF WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?

MOST OFTEN I AM FULLY GROWN OUT.  
I TRIM MORE DURING THE SUMMER.

(I AM ITALIAN, SO I HAVE A BUSH! IF A DUDE DOESN'T LIKE IT - OH WELL!)

I'VE SHAVED IT ALL LIKE, ONCE, FOR MY BOYFRIEND. HA.



I MAINTAIN IT LAZILY. I TRIM IT WITH SCISSORS AND WILL SHAVE THE BIKINI LINE IF I AM ACTUALLY GOING TO BE IN A BIKINI, OTHERWISE I LET IT GO KIND-OF WILD.

I LIKE BODY HAIR!

I THINK SHAVED VAGINAS ARE SO FUCKED ON SO MANY LEVELS. PEOPLE TELL ME THEY LIKE IT BECAUSE YOU CAN SEE THE VAGINA BETTER, BUT IT IS TOO PRE-PUBESCENT FOR ME!

I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT'S NORMAL, BUT I DON'T LIKE HAVING MUCH HAIR AT ALL - IT DOESN'T FEEL CLEAN TO ME.

**BUT** SHAVING OR WAXING IT ENTIRELY MEANS YOU'RE EITHER SHOWING SOME BEAUTICIAN YOUR LADY BITS OR WALKING AROUND WITH STUBBLE GROWING IN UNCOMFORTABLE PLACES.



I SHAVE THE FRONT WHICH IS FLAT & USE SCISSORS ON THE HARD TO REACH LONGER HAIRS.

I SHAVE THE BACK A BIT AS WELL. IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN! I DON'T SHAVE THE LABIA.

IT'S FUNNY HOW FAR WOMEN HAVE COME TALKING ABOUT MENSTRUATION, BUT NOT HAIR MAINTENANCE!

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT OTHER WOMEN DO.



IT'S LIKE BROCCOLI!  
BUSHY ON TOP  
BALD ON BOTTOM.



A THOROUGH TRIM  
EVERY FEW WEEKS.

FREE + WHAT I PREFER!



I WOULDN'T IF  
MY BOYFRIEND DIDN'T  
MAKE ME!

I JUST TAKE CARE OF  
THE WHOLE THING ABOUT  
EVERY TWO WEEKS I'D SAY--  
BARE.



I SHAVE EVERYTHING ALL OFF;  
I LIKE BEING SMOOTH.

NO HAIR GETS CAUGHT IN  
THE ELASTIC BITS OF  
PANTS\*, ETC



\* UNDERPANTS

## *a final thought*

I INQUIRED ABOUT LADY GARDEN MAINTENANCE OF ANYONE WHO WOULD ANSWER (AND A FEW THAT WOULDN'T). I WAS DELIGHTED WITH THE VARIETY OF RESPONSES AND HOW INFORMATIVE THE WHOLE THING WAS. I FOUND NO DISTINCT TRENDS BASED ON SUBCULTURE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN. WHAT I WOULD HAVE PRESUMED FOR DIFFERENT WOMEN OFTEN RESULTED IN QUITE THE OPPOSITE.

THANKS SO MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO ANSWERED + AGREED TO BE INCLUDED!

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